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I believe I am an original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled **Protection Switching For Duplex Atm-Pon Systems** the specification of which

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None

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